### ASKS ALL TO HELP

State Highway Commissioner Sends Out General Appeal For Co-Operation.

#### SUGGESTS PLANS FOR WORK

Officials Anxious to Improve on Last Year's "Good Roads" Days if Possible.

Frank W. Buffum, state highway commissioner, has sent out a general letter, urging co-operation on the part of all farmers on the two "Good Roads" days on August 18 and 19, designated by Governor Major. The farmers are asked to turn out en masse and help improve the high-

The highway commissioner suggests that preliminary meetings be held in all communities and that the various townships strive to work on a systematic plan. Lack of organization, he says, hampered the work on the "Good Roads" days last year.

Among other suggestions offered are these: That a "good roads" sermon be preached in every church on Sunday.

August 16. That the automobile be called into service in the work of keeping ice water supplied at various points for

the road workers. That the women co-operate to the extent of providing meals for the workers and that it be thoroughly understood at what points the meals are to be serwed. There was confusion in this regard last year and some of the road patriots went

That it be understood that every owner of an automobile is expected to give the reasonable use of his machine for service on the two days.

#### FORESTALLS TRICK OF WETS

Sedalla Dry Forces Preparing to Force Local Option Election in City on September 4.

Dry forces in Sedalla are preparing for one of the most thorough antisaloon campaigns in the history of Missouri.

The "wets" recently had the county court issue an order for a special elec-tion September 4 in Pettis county, outside of Sedalia, to vote on local option, in an effort to forestall the County Unit law which it is expected will be ratified at the polls in Novem-The Ministerial Alliance has now decided to petition the city council to call a special election in Sedalia for the same day the county is to vote. The drys say they will have a petition with one thousand names to present

to the council. The Anti-Saloon League in Chicago will send to Sedalia the strongest anti-saloon workers available to lead the campaign. A union revival meeting is being held in a large tent in East Sedalla. These meetings have been in progress several days and are attended by hundreds. The intention is to have mass meetings and cottage prayer meetings in all parts of the city in the hope that both the city and country will vote dry, September 4.

Ford Wins in Fourth.-Senator J. E. Ford, the "dry" candidate for renomination to the state senate from the Fourth district, won over Fred S. Hudson of Chillicothe, former senator, by 496 votes, according to official returns. The result had been in doubt. Ford carried every county in the district save Livingston, Hudson's hone. He carried Harrison by 146. which had been conceded to Ford. Ford had no opposition in the Fourth.

Old Newspaper Man Dies.—James
A. Millan of Independence is dead at
the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. M.
Winton, in that place. He was 88
years of age. He was a newspaper
man, and once worked at Palmyra.
In 1852 he established the Missouri In 1852 he established the Missouri Vindicator at St. Joseph. Later he was connected with the Independence Sentinel. He was at one time recorder of Buchanan county. He is survived by these children: Mrs. C. survived by these children: Mrs. C. M. Winton and Miss Louise Millan of Independence, and W. R. Millan of St. Joseph. The body was taken to St. Joseph for burial,

Sedalia Man of 83 Dies .- George H. Sandfort, 83 years old, a pioneer of Pettis county, is dead at Sedalia. He was a native of Germany. Four children survive. Burial was at Smith-\* \* \*

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Mexican War Veteran Dies.—Joel Green, 90 years old, pioneer of Southwest Missouri, is dead at his home near Carthage. He was a veteran of the Mexican war.

Former State Officials Sail.—Former Senator Charles E. Yeater and former Representative J. H. Bothwell, who have been in Europe several weeks, have sailed from Liverpool.

Mrs. Damon Porter, who also have land when last heard from on July 27.

Retake Arkansas Murderer.—The second recapturing of William Siler of Mountain Home, Ark., a murderer who escaped from the Arkansas convicts' farm at Cummins on July 20, was effected at Aurora.

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One evening this week at the close of a very busy day I drew me up at my desk. Before me was scattered a mass of newspapers, all bearing the distinction og colored. My already tired brain and sun strained eyes almost refused the task that was set before. But from somewhere and some-bow I gained courage, and plunged in by strting with the one on top-it was the Oklahoma-O, there I go, I didn't mean to call any names, but the press work on that particular pournal was so poor that one could not even properly translate the answers to Booker Washington's article, asking for better traveling accommodations for Negro passengers over certain railroad lines; which was bravely undertaken. The Dallas Express came in for a similar criticism while the Boston Alliance and Conservative Counsellor is void of that harmonious toning with other parts of the papers on account of too much front page advertisement. In others there were similar and even more grievous errors.

The colored papers that take first rank in typographical cleanliness and mechanical accuracy are the Amsterdam News, Richmond Planet, Kansas City Sun, and New York Age.

It is with no small degree of appreciation that I review the merits and demerits of these journals and journalists, who are struggling as am; for to publish a Negro journal at this period means sacrifice at every stopover. I see written in great red headlines at the head of the meanest effort in the way of a Negro jour nal these words, "Self Sacrifice."

Our readers are more sensitive to literary abuse in a race paper than they are to the big dailies. I often have a man come into my office to complain about a stick of matter up side down in the last issue of an arti cle that was backed up the wrong way. Now, if he, perhaps, knew that my day had been 36 hours instead of eight in comparison with his, instead of criticising he would step in and offer to pay his subscription with the hope that his mite might help a little in relieving the situation. whenever you see faults standing out conspicuously in Negro papers there is but one conclusion to come to, and

that is that finance is oh, so short. Now, don't stand apart and laugh eeringly or criticise an effort that you yourself are not brave enough to If you cannot give thousands, you can give the widow's mite and the least you pay on your subscription will be precious in the editor's sight.-California Eagle.

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